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Alleged beating of a person in Tellicherry Sub-Jail

* 926 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any complaints have been made to Government about the alleged beating by the Tellicherry police of a person in the Tellicherry Sub-Jail sometime in September-October 1954;

(*b*) whether any judicial enquiry was made; and

(*c*) if so, the findings of the officer?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Government have not received any complaint in the matter.

" (*b*) & (*c*) No judicial enquiry was held. But on receipt of a report from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Cannanore, that an under-trial prisoner named Abdulla had complained that he was beaten by the constables on guard, the Executive First-class Magistrate, Tellicherry, conducted an inquiry under Police Standing Order 157. The enquiry has revealed that on the morning of 13th October 1954, the prisoner intentionally inflicted an injury upon his head by knocking it against the bars of his cell, with a view to put to trouble the Head Constable on duty with whom he had exchanged hot words earlier in the morning. On the evening of the same day, a scuffle seems to have ensued between the prisoner and two constables who were sent for escorting him to the hospital, when the former offered resistance. The prisoner sustained a few injuries during this scuffle. All these injuries were of a simple nature."

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" In the departmental enquiry, was any independent witness enquired to substantiate the reasons that are given for saying that the man sustained injuries by himself? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. His co-prisoners were examined and it is only on that basis this finding has been given by the Magistrate."

Fertilizer factory

* 927 *Q.*—Sri K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have made any suggestion to the Union Government in regard to the location of the fertilizer factory in this State?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government have suggested to the Union Government Neyveli in South Arcot district as a suitable place for the location of a fertilizer factory."